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Stockholme, April 16.

HEre lie five Men of War (of which two are new Ships, the one called the *Charles*, mounted with 80 Guns, the other the *Stenebucke*, mounted with 36) ready to Sail, to join those that are now at *Calmar*, so soon as the weather will permit. We have not of late received any thing of moment from our Army.

Copenhagen, May 16. All the discourse here of late has been, of the great appearance there is of a sudden Peace, and of a Project which has been made in order to it, by the *Danes* and *French* Ambassadors at *Nimeguen*, which we now begin to find we have great reason to doubt the truth of, because our preparations for War in general, are not only continued with very great zeal and application, but in particular the King has given Orders for the fortifying the Town of *Helsenburg*, and to that end a great many houses have been already pulled down, to make room for the new Fortifications that are intended; which is a work no body can believe would be taken in hand, at a time when a Peace is going to be concluded, by which this place is to be restored, which it must be, together with the other Conquests our King has made in *Schonen*, if it be true, that neither *France* or *Sueden* will be content with less, than an entire restitution of whatever has been taken from the *Suedes* since they entred into this War; and therefore we infer from hence, that our King has resolved not to part with his Conquests in *Schonen*, and consequently that there is no ground to imagine the Peace so near, as some do. Our Fleet continues in the *Soundt* as yet, but, as we are told, will sail very suddenly. From *Stockholme* we have an account, that they were fitting out several Men of War there, who are to join with others that are at *Calmar*, to make a Squadron, which is to Cruise for the security of their Coasts.

Berlin, May 16. Our Elector, who continues very much indisposed with the Gout, has sent the Sieur *Meinders* to *Nimeguen*, fully instructed as to the terms his Electoral Highness is willing to make a Peace upon; and we are told that if the yielding part of the Conquests he has made upon the *Suedes* in this War will procure a Peace, his Electoral Highness has empowered him to conclude it; but for what concerns *Stetin*, we canno hear that he has resolved to part with it, but on the contrary we are assured he never will.

Hamburgh, May 16. Monsieur *Gerstorf*, who is sent by the Elector of *Saxony* to *Denmark* and *Sueden*, to offer his mediation to those Princes, for the composing the present differences between them, has been some days in this Town, but will very speedily pursue his Journey. We are expecting every day to hear of the Peace between *France* and the Elector of *Brandenburgh* being concluded, but at the same time the Letters we receive from the Electors Territories, assure us, that the preparations for the War are continued with the same diligence as formerly, and that great Magazines are providing at *Magdenburg* and *Halberstadt*: And from *Denmark* we have an account, that that King will have an Army of 20000 men in *Holstein* before the end of *June*; and they add, that he continues his resolution not to part with the places he is now possessed of in *Schonen*, which he thinks absolutely necessary should remain his Frontiers; if this be so, the Peace cannot be so near as many people imagine it is, seeing the *French* have lately declared afresh, that the King their Master will procure to *Sueden* an entire restitution of whatever it has lost during this War. The news of the King of *Sueden*'s death is now sufficiently contradicted.

Hamburgh, May 19. It may seem strange that we cannot yet know the certainty of the King of *Suedens* being alive or dead, but so it is, and the advices we receive are plainly contradictory: For there are Letters from *Copenhagen* of the 16th instant, which say, that the King of *Sueden*'s death was confirmed, and that Major General *Bielke* had Orders to pass from *Gottenburg* to *France*, to acquaint that King with it, and to give him an account of the present posture of affairs in *Sueden*. And yesterday arrived here a Gentleman, who is Secretary to Queen *Christina*, from *Sueden*, who assures us, that he saw the King of *Sueden* the 29th past in good health, and on Horseback; and this last, meets with most credit. The *Danes* have brought together a great Train of Artillery within four miles of this place, which, with some other advices our Magistrates have of the King of *Denmarks* displeasure against them, has made them resolve to raise men, and to put themselves into a posture of defence.

Francfort, May 17. The Duke of *Lorrain*, as we understand, has put the Troops, which during this War have fought under his Colours, into the Emperors Service; which he has done, to avoid giving any offence to the most Christian King, who might otherwise have believed that the Duke intended to continue the War in his own name, and to employ those Forces against him. The last Letters we had from *Vienna*, informed us, that the affairs of *Hungary* continued in a very ill posture, there being now hardly any appearance of a composure, the Malecontents having again taken the Field, which they had quitted, in expectation that things might be adjusted.

Cologne, May 19. The *French* Troops that had their quarters in this Dioceses, in the Countries of *Juliers* and *Liege*, are now marching towards *Wesel*, where they will pass the *Rhine*, and fall into the Countries of the Elector of *Brandenburgh*, to oblige him to make Peace upon the terms offered by *France*. Our Elector is indisposed with an Ague, and that makes those that desire a Coadjutor, press that matter with the more earnestness. On Sunday last 2000

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